Temple College
Associate Degree Nursing
Info Packet 2025
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The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree and prepares the graduate to apply to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) for registered nursing.

The ADN program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing, www.bon.texas.gov and has continuing accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing**,** 404-975-5000, 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Classes Beginning	Spring 2025	Fall 2025
Application Window	September 16, 2024 through October 15, 2024	April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025
Notification of Admission	Fall 2024	Summer 2025

2024/2025 In-Person Information Sessions			
Dates:	September 17, 2024	December 17, 2024	April 15, 2025
Time:	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Location:	Dell Martin Nursing Education Building (Building 10 on Campus Map)		

Please follow our social media and webpage for the most up-to-date information.

Step 1 – Apply for Admission to Temple College

Admission Requirements:

1) Apply for admission to Temple College by clicking the gold "Apply Now" button the TC home page. (You must meet all TSI requirements in order to apply for nursing.) **Note:** You do not need to submit a new Temple College admission application if you have been an active student within the past year. Please verify that your name and address are correct within the Temple College system.

2) Submit official transcripts from **ALL** colleges attended to TC Admissions & Records.

3) Complete prerequisite courses below with a minimum grade of "C" or better. Must have a 2.8 or higher GPA in all prerequisite and corequisite courses in the ADN degree plan in order to apply

   BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I (All Biology courses must be within 10 years of application)
   ENGL 1301 Composition I
   PSYC 2301 General Psychology

   Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have met the Associate Degree Nursing prerequisite requirements. This includes making sure the prerequisite and corequisite courses you have taken at other colleges/universities are equivalent to the Temple College courses listed in the curriculum **BEFORE** you apply to the program. Send your official transcripts to Admissions and Records, then contact the Temple College Advising Office at advisingcenter@templejc.edu to have your courses evaluated.

4) Take the HESI Admission Assessment (A2). A minimum score of 80 is required in each of the following subject areas: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & Knowledge, and Math. See the last two pages of this document for details. **NOTE: You may not combine scores from multiple HESI A2 Exams.**

5) Applicants must be 18 years old by the first day of class**.**

Step 2 - Apply to the Temple College Associate Degree Nursing Program

To submit the online Associate Degree Nursing Application during the application window (**see dates above**):

- Go to the Temple College Associate Degree Nursing webpage.
- **Before applying**, read the following documents located under the **Application Procedure** tab:
  - Application Instructions
  - Immunizations, CPR & Drug Screening
  - Core Performance Standards
  - Texas Board of Nursing Background Check Process
  - Transcripts and Transfer Information
- Click on the **Apply to Nursing** button on that page to start a NEW nursing application for the current application cycle. To complete a saved application or review a previously completed nursing application, go to your *My Leopard Profile*. **Only use the Apply to Nursing button ONCE**.

After you submit the nursing application, you will need to log back into it and upload the following supplemental items to complete your application:

- HESI A2 results (see last two pages of this document for more information)
- Unofficial college transcripts that contain nursing prerequisites and/or corequisites, and any nursing courses (you will send *official* transcripts to A&R **AND** *unofficial* transcripts to TC Nursing).

The application will only be available during the application window dates listed on the first page of this document. It can take up to 6 weeks to process applications after the application window closes.

Conditional Admission Requirements

Applicants will be notified by email whether or not they are conditionally accepted into the program. **If conditionally accepted into the program**, you will receive instructions on completing the following requirements. DO NOT submit any of these items with your application.

1) An acknowledgment that you are able to meet the Core Performance Standards for Nursing will be required.

2) Immunizations required by our clinical partners (these must be kept current throughout the program):
   - Tetanus (Tdap) - documented vaccination less than 10 years old
   - MMR – a documented series of two vaccinations or a positive titer
   - Varicella – two vaccinations (or positive titer) OR "history of disease" on letterhead reported by physician
   - COVID-19 - Documented series of two vaccinations (Pfizer or Moderna) or one vaccination (Johnson & Johnson) received prior to September 2, 2022 or one updated/bivalent vaccination (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) received after September 2, 2022. A booster shot is not required at this time but is HIGHLY recommended.
   - Influenza – You will be required to get the flu vaccination each year in Fall. After you are accepted into the program you will be given instructions on when to get your yearly flu shot.
   - Tuberculosis (TB) Screening– Must have been done within one year of classes starting, and no older.
   - Hepatitis B Vaccination – Must show proof of a complete Hepatitis B series or a positive titer. There is a 3-dose series and a 2-dose series. Please take note of which series you are taking. **If you have not started your Hepatitis B series at the time of application you MUST receive the 2-dose series OR an accelerated 3-dose series in order to be completed on time and be eligible to attend clinicals.**

3) A **drug screen** will be required. Specific instructions will be sent via email to those selected for the program.

4) **Health Insurance** is a requirement for some of the clinical sites our nursing students attend. If you do not have or plan to get health insurance upon enrollment, it will limit the number of clinical sites you can attend. However, it is not required for admission to Temple College.

5) A satisfactory **background check -** specific instructions will be sent via email after you apply for the program. **Do not wait until you are selected to begin the fingerprinting process.** The Texas Board of Nursing will conduct the background check. **Students must be cleared by the Board of Nursing before being**

allowed to register for nursing courses. Failure to be cleared by BON by the designated date will prevent admission. Any healthcare facility associated with Temple College may also require a background check. Permission to perform the background check must be given by the student. Failure to give permission will result in dismissal from the program. **It may be necessary to deny admission or dismiss students from the program if they are barred from practicing at any healthcare facility.**

6) Written documentation of successful completion of an **American Heart Association CPR course** designed for healthcare professionals (**Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals**). Online-only CPR courses are not acceptable; all courses must include a hands-on skill portion.

Students seeking admission to the ADN program are admitted on the basis of the following criteria, with maximum point totals awarded as indicated:

Points*	GPA**	HESI A2 Cumulative Score	# of CoReqs Completed	Service Area Resident***
0	< 2.8**	80-84	0	No
1	2.8-3.0	85-88	1	Yes
2	3.01-3.26	89-92	2	
3	3.27-3.52	93-96	3	
4	3.53-3.78	97-100		
5	3.79-4.0			

- *Any one nursing course failure within the last **10 years** in an RN or VN program will result in a deduction of one admission point.
- If there is a nursing course failure in any program during the **three years** prior to admission, the applicant will receive one admission only to the Temple College ADN Program.
- The applicant is ineligible for admission/readmission if there are **two or more** nursing course failures in any program during the **three years** prior to admission.
- **A nursing course failure is any grade lower than a "C". This also includes "WF" course grades.**
- **Must have a minimum 2.8 GPA in all prerequisite and any completed corequisite courses to apply. We do not use an overall GPA. Instead, we calculate the GPA for your nursing prerequisite courses and any of the corequisites that you have completed.
- ***We use the address you have on file with Temple College Admissions & Records to determine if you are in the Temple College Service Area (even if it differs from the address you put on your Nursing application). Make sure your current address is on file with TC Admissions and Records.

ADN ESTIMATED Cost (pending or recent increases may not be reflected)	**In-District**	**Out-of-District**
Tuition & Fees including Health Sciences Fees❖ (Does not include fees for Internet courses)	$10,000 to $11,000	$14,440 to $15,440
Professional Liability Insurance*	$50	$50
Textbooks (Nursing only)	$2,000 to $2,500	$2,000 to $2,500
Uniforms & Nurse Tote	$300 to $400	$300 to $400
Testing/Simulation Fees	$500 to $600	$500 to $600
NCLEX-RN Exam Fee	$300	$300
Misc. expenses (CPR, supplies, pin, immunizations, Texas Board of Nursing background check, CastleBranch OR Complio document management, and drug screen)	$800 to $900	$800 to $900
TOTALS	**$13,950 to $15,750**	**$18,390 to $20,190**

❖This includes prerequisites and corequisites *Professional liability insurance is included in course fees.

Financial Aid
Financial Aid is available for qualified ADN students. Contact the TC Financial Aid office at (254) 298-8321. The Temple College Foundation offers scholarships for nursing students. For more information and to apply, see their webpage at: **https://www.templejc.edu/admissions/scholarships/**

Comprehensive Exam
All candidates are required to take a comprehensive exam as part of completing the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Time Commitment
- **Clinical courses** generally require 12 contact hours (one 12-hour shift) per week, but may vary. Clinical courses may include day, evening, and weekend hours. Some clinical sites are located outside of Temple.
- **Mandatory Orientations** are required prior to beginning the program and prior to going to clinical facilities. These are held outside of regular class hours.

Transfer Students
Transfer applicants who have been successful in a nursing school will be considered for admission on a space available basis. Transfer students must apply for admission and be accepted. At that time, courses will be evaluated for transfer. Students who have been dismissed from a nursing program for unsafe or unprofessional conduct will be required to provide information regarding the circumstances and be subject to a review to determine eligibility to be enrolled. All nursing courses must be completed within one year prior to admission. Any coursework outside of this time frame will not be accepted for transfer. The student will be required to re-enroll in those courses.

Licensure
The Texas Board of Nursing licenses nurses as new graduates through the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The Board determines eligibility for licensure prior to beginning a nursing program.

To check your eligibility for obtaining or renewing your license, please review the following questions:

1. Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?

2. Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?

3. Have you, in the last 5 years*, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

4. For any criminal offense*, including those pending appeal, have you:
(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal application.)

- been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
- been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- been convicted of a felony?
- pled nolo contendre, no contest, or guilty?
- received deferred adjudication?
- been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
- been granted pre-trial diversion?
- been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offense, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been

expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure: Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

5. Have you ever had any licensing (other than a nursing license) or regulatory authority in any state, jurisdiction, country, or province revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multistate privilege to practice that you held?

6. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice nursing in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?

7. *Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

8. *Are you currently a participant in an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program? (This includes all confidential programs)

NOTE: Any positive response will remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure unless required by law.

9. Have you ever been granted the authority to practice nursing in any country, state, province, or territory?

NOTE: This does not apply to any nursing license(s) issued by another US state or territory, excluding Puerto Rico. If you were licensed in Puerto Rico, you should answer yes.

Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum:

Any general education corequisite course (non-RNSG) may be taken prior to the assigned semester, but must be completed with a minimum C grade no later than the end of the assigned semester. Biology courses must be taken within 10 years of acceptance into the program. *Students are expected to have access to a laptop computer, and have basic keyboarding & computer literacy operation skills.* Courses to be taken in the order prescribed below:

Prerequisites

BIOL	2401	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
ENGL	1301	Composition I
PSYC	2301	General Psychology

1st Semester

BIOL	2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II **(Corequisite)**
RNSG	1205	Nursing Skills I
RNSG	1309	Introduction to Nursing
RNSG	1360	Clinical-Nursing I-Registered Nurse Training*

2nd Semester

RNSG	1146	Legal & Ethical Issues for Nurses
RNSG	1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health
RNSG	1461	Clinical-Nursing II-Registered Nurse Training*
RNSG	2213	Mental Health Nursing
RNSG	2121	Professional Nursing: Leadership & Management

3rd Semester

PSYC	2314	Lifespan Growth & Development **(Corequisite)**
RNSG	1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health
RNSG	2201	Care of Children & Families
RNSG	2460	Clinical-Nursing IV-Registered Nurse Training*

4th Semester

RNSG	1251	Care of the Childbearing Family
RNSG	2432	Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health
RNSG	2461	Clinical Nursing-V-Registered Nurse Training*
Elective**		From the Temple College Core Curriculum Courses 040 or 050 list. **(Corequisite)**

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****Elective Options**: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, HIST 2311, 2312, HUMA 1301, HUMA 1315, SPAN 1411, 1412, ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, 1310. **This is a partial list**. To see the current and complete list of 040 and 050 courses, go to this webpage: Core Curriculum

***If you have received credit for other 040/050 core curriculum courses (not listed above or on the complete list link) at another Texas public college or university, it may substitute for one of our courses. Contact the TC Advising Center for assistance: advisingcenter@templejc.edu*

Temple College is committed to nondiscrimination practices based upon race, gender, gender identity and expression, disability, age, religion, national origin, genetic information or veteran status.

HESI Admission Assessment (A2)

The **HESI Admission Assessment (A2)** is designed to assess the academic and personal readiness of prospective students for higher education. It is particularly well-suited for prospective students in the health science fields, though it is applicable for basic skills for all potential students. The A2 consists of 9 different exams; however, the Temple College Nursing Department only requires students to take 5 of the assessments:

1. **Vocabulary & General Knowledge** (50 questions, 50 minutes – multiple choice) – **minimum score of 80**
   The vocabulary assessment is designed to assess vocabulary skills, general knowledge, and critical thinking skills as a means of determining the student's ability to succeed in a nursing education program.
2. **Mathematics (**50 questions, 50 minutes – multiple choice & fill-in-the blank) – **minimum score of 80**
   The math assessment indicates a student's basic math skills at the eighth and ninth grade levels. The math assessment covers basic math skills – whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and percentages. Also covered are additional skills such as household measures, the metric system, military time, temperature conversions, Roman numerals, and one-and-two-step problems. An online calculator will appear on the questions allowing its use.
3. **Reading Comprehension** (47 questions, 60 minutes – multiple choice) – **minimum score of 80**
   The reading comprehension assessment indicates basic reading and comprehension skills at the eighth and ninth grade reading levels. The reading selections that are used often relate to medical scenarios, or include commonly used concepts in health sciences. For example, a vocabulary term tested might include "ominous." This is a standard English word, but is used frequently in nursing situations when referring to a patient condition, so it is important that students have an understanding of these types of words in order to be successful in reading their nursing textbooks.
4. **Personality Profile***
   The personality profile assessment uses concepts related to introversion and extroversion to classify the student's personality style.
5. **Learning Style***
   The learning style assessment assesses the preferred learning style of the applicant and offers test-taking and study tips suited to the learning style.

*Your faculty may refer to these personality/learning sections in order to assist you while you are in the program. The Learning Style Inventory and Personality Profile categories are not graded and are not reflected in your cumulative score.

HESI A2 Requirements & Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I take the exam?
You are strongly encouraged to take the exam through the Temple College Testing Center. For more information, and to schedule your exam, contact the TC Testing Center at: testingcenter@templejc.edu . You can take your exam at either the Temple or Hutto campus. A photo ID is required to test. Cost of the exam is $65.

When can I take the exam?
You can schedule and take the exam any time the Temple College Testing Center is open and available. Scores for exams taken within 2 years are accepted, as long as they are submitted within the nursing application window.

What are the minimum passing scores?
A minimum score of 80 is required in each of the 3 scored sections: 1. Reading Comprehension, 2. Vocabulary & Knowledge, and 3. Math. If your score for any of these sections is lower than 80, you must retake the entire exam. Do not submit a Nursing application with a score report that does not meet the minimums, as it will be rejected.

Can I combine scores from more than one exam?
No. You must obtain a score of 80 or higher on all required sections in a single testing session.

Can I retake the exam?
You have 2 attempts per fiscal year (September to August) to take the exam through the Temple College Testing Center. You must wait at least 24 hours between each attempt. In order to maximize your chance of achieving high scores, it is strongly suggested that you prepare yourself through study & practice before you take/retake the exam. See the last section below for study guides and tutoring information. If/when you retake the exam, you must re-test in all sections.

How do I submit my exam score report?

- **Login to your Evolve Account:** Download and save your **HESI Admission Assessment Exam Cumulative Report**. Log into your nursing application and upload your score report. We need to receive it by the nursing application deadline on the first page of this document. Without the official HESI A2 score report, your application will be incomplete, and we will not process it.

How can I prepare for the exam?

Study Guides

- HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review: Study Chapters 1, 2, & 3 only. (Available at the Temple College Bookstore as well as for purchase online.)
- McGraw-Hill's 3 Evolve Reach HESI A2 Practice Tests - Available at The Temple College Library or for purchase online.
- Website that offers practice testing: www.test-guide.com/free-hesi-a2-practice-tests.html (**FREE**)

Math tutoring is available for current Temple College students. Resources include our Math Lab and individual faculty members who are available each semester for tutoring in a variety of subjects. Call 254.298.8373 or email tcmathlab@templejc.edu for more information.

Do you need a quick refresher to help you prepare for the HESI A2 Exam? Register for HESI Bootcamp!

For more information or to register, email: wce@templejc.edu or call 254.298.8625.

Workforce and Continuing Education website: https://www.templejc.edu/programs/workforce-continuing-education/